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The listed documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action, dated May 31, 2004, which was issued on a corresponding counterpart application. A copy of that Office Action with an English translation is also enclosed.

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